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Popular Main St surf shop ZJ Boarding House to permanently close in April



Scott Snowden

EVERYTHING MUST GO: Sneakers, singlets, sweat shirts, t-shirts, button-up shirts, wetsuits, surfboards, skateboards, boogie boards, longboards, hats, helmets, caps and more.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

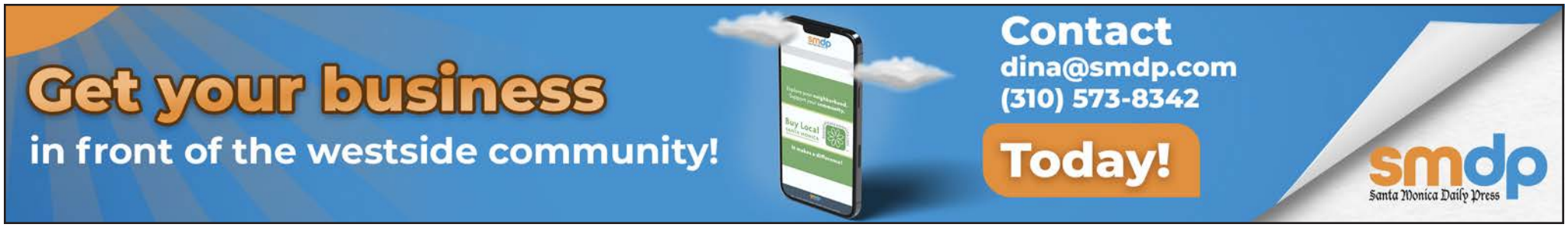
Long-established surf and skate shop ZJ Boarding House on Main Street is set to close its doors permanently in April, just four years after it celebrated reopening. Tragically, this has nothing to do with any local issues, instead, the parent company of the store, Liberated Brands recently filed for bankruptcy.

Liberated Brands is the owner of Billabong retails stores across the US and as any self-respecting surfer or skateboarder will tell you, Billabong is an Australian-based manufacturer of stylish and high-quality clothing, from wet suits and board shorts to t-shirts and flip-flops.

On February 2, 2025, Liberated Brands filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, listing assets and liabilities between $100 million and $500 million. The company announced the closure of all remaining Billabong locations in the US, with liquidation sales beginning a week before the bankruptcy.

Since other brands are also sold in these stores, products made by other labels, including Quiksilver, Roxy, RVCA, DC Shoes, Element, Von Zipper and Honolua brands will also be affected. Items made by these

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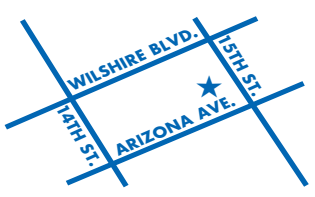
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Californians approved $1.5 billion for wildfire prevention. How will the state spend it?



CalMatters

FIREPROOF: A cement sidewalk was built within five feet of Donna Yutzy's house to meet state regulations. Nov. 4, 2023.

SAMEEA KAMAL

Go broad or go deep? That's one of the big questions state lawmakers are debating as they grapple with how to most effectively use $1.5 billion that voters approved last year for projects to reduce the impact of California wildfires.

That money comes from Proposition 4, the November ballot measure that authorized a $10 billion bond to pay for climate-related projects such as water systems and wildfire mitigation.

In his January budget proposal, Gov. Gavin Newsom recommended that $325 million of the bond money should be allocated in the upcoming fiscal year to a variety of wildfire prevention programs. The remainder would be spent over the next five years.

But Democratic Assemblymember Steve Bennett, chair of the budget subcommittee on climate, energy and transportation, told the administration in a hearing on Wednesday that the state should pursue a focused strategy to make the most use of limited resources.

"It can't be a little bit here, and a little bit here, and a little bit here," said Bennett, who represents Oxnard. "We need a comprehensive plan to say these are the resources we have; by linking these things together, this is how we could maximize our effectiveness."

Robyn Fennig, assistant director for Hazard Mitigation for the state's Office of Emergency Services, described the proposal for the upcoming fiscal year as one part of a broader strategy that might include trying to secure matching federal funds.

Bennett also noted that the state faces an enormous challenge to address the threats from climate change.

"There has been a sea change in terms of what's happening as a result of climate change," Bennett said. "The home insurance crisis was serious, but it's now going to be unmanageable for California if we don't find a way to decrease our losses when these wildfires sweep it near or into communities."

State Fire Marshal Daniel Berlant, defended the administration's approach.

> "There has been a sea change in terms of what's happening as a result of climate change
>
> - Steve Bennett, Democratic Assemblymember

"I completely agree that [home-hardening] has to be a focal point, but our strategy has to be doing all of these things together," he told lawmakers. "If we're not managing the forest, we're going to have large forest fires that burn right into our communities. "

The bond measure language, approved by

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California has a lot to lose if Trump slashes Medicaid. Seniors, kids and more could face coverage cuts



Photo by Paul Bersebach, Orange County Register via Getty Images

HEALTH: Dr. Kate Williamson examines a child during a yearly routine exam as his mom watches at Southern Orange County Pediatric Associates in Ladera Ranch, on July 28, 2020.

Perhaps no state has more to lose than California in the federal budget proposal House Republicans passed this week.

That spending plan sets up significant cuts to Medicaid, the health insurance program for low-income people. California has taken just about every route and opportunity to expand the Medicaid program. Today, 14.9 million Californians are enrolled in it, and federal funding cuts would almost certainly roll back services and coverage for some of them.

Looking for a way to offset the cost of extending President Donald Trump's 2017 tax cuts, the House advanced a bill Tuesday that directs the Energy and Commerce Committee to find $880 billion in spending cuts over the next 10 years. Those cuts, budget and health policy experts say, would largely have to come from Medicaid, also known as Medi-Cal in California.

The Senate voted for its own, narrower budget bill last week. Next, both chambers have to work out their differences and agree on one budget.

At this point, it's not clear which Medicaid services would be cut or how many people exactly would lose coverage because lawmakers can hit the spending reductions in a number of ways.

Still, enrollees, health advocates and providers in California and across the country are now grappling with what the cuts would mean for them and the people they care for. In press conferences and online meetings, they've called the proposed cuts a "five-alarm fire" and Republicans' vote "the ultimate betrayal" of their constituents.

Their outcries echo the first Trump administration, when in 2017 House Republicans voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act. The law ultimately survived, but that health care vote helped stir up the "blue wave" that flipped Republican House seats in the 2018 election.

"These cuts would rip care away from children, seniors, disabled Californians, and more while raising costs for everyone, all to give tax breaks to the ultra-wealthy," Amanda McAllister-Wallner, interim executive director of Health Access California, a health consumer advocacy group, said in a statement following the House vote. "This is just the beginning — we will be pushing our California congress members at every turn to put the health of their constituents first."

Medicaid is the backbone of California's social safety net. It covers half of all children and 40% of all births. It also covers long-term care services for seniors and disabled people.

Since 2014, the state has expanded the program big time — first to more adults allowed in the Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, and gradually to low-income immigrants, regardless of their legal status. Cuts to the scale that Republicans in Congress are proposing, advocates and providers say, would be harmful across the board.

Hospitals, doctors and county officials are also speaking out against the proposed cuts because Medicaid is a key payer, especially for those located in rural areas or communities with high poverty rates. If these facilities can't keep their doors open, entire communities, not just people enrolled in Medicaid, could lose access.

House Speaker Mike Johnson, a Louisiana Republican, has said savings could be accomplished through eliminating Medicaid fraud and waste — although that would only get Republicans so far. Johnson has cited about $50 billion in alleged fraud, a small slice of the GOP's goal total, the Washington Post reports.

CUTS WOULD LEAVE BIG BUDGET HOLE FOR STATE

Medicaid accounts for a significant portion of states' budgets. The program is jointly

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **55.9**

TUESDAY
POOR TO FAIR

SURF: Shin to knee
0-1FT

Size backs off but conditions clean up with lighter/favorable winds. Looking like a clean up day with fading surf on tap across the region. The low-incoming tide in the morning offers the best/playful size. A break in the coastal lows sets up a more straightforward conditions day - light AM offshores and manageable PM onshore flow.

WEDNESDAY
POOR TO FAIR

SURF: Knee to thigh
1-2FT

Decent pop of off-season SSW swell moves in, WNW swell lingers. Wind due to stay on lighter side. Front end of a new SSW swell moves in for select breaks, getting fun by the afternoon. Smaller leftovers from the WNW. Winds looking to stay on the lighter side, most favorable in the morning.

Weather

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon.
Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of rain after 4am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50.
Wednesday: Rain, mainly after 10am. High near 59. Light and variable wind becoming south southeast 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Rain, mainly before 4am. Low around 48. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **Planning Commission recommendation to the City Council related to proposed amendments to the Santa Monica Land Use and Circulation Plan (LUCE), Downtown Community Plan (DCP), and Zoning Ordinance for consistency with recent updates to State law and implement other changes, corrections, and clarifications, and amendments to the Santa Monica General Plan Land Use Map and Official Districting Map for parcels located at 2644 30th Street and 1331 Wilshire Boulevard.**

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider Resolutions recommending to the City Council that the Council adopt 1) amendments to the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) of the City's General Plan and Downtown Community Plan (DCP) for consistency with recent updates to State law and making other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications, 2) amendments to the text of the City's Zoning Ordinance to eliminate parcel size threshold for streamlined review of Housing Projects, increase the maximum square footage for Accessory Dwelling Units, revise provisions related to ministerially approved duplexes and lot splits on parcels zoned for single-unit residential, adjust the criteria for streamlined review of Housing Projects in Bergamot Zoning Districts on large sites, provide extensions for projects approved prior to January 6, 2025, convert parcel coverage development standards to Floor Area Ratio for the City's Residential Zoning Districts, and align density standards for the City's Multiple-Unit Residential Zoning Districts with the intensities envisioned in the LUCE, for consistency with recent updates to State law and making other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications and, 3) amendments to the Santa Monica General Plan Land Use Map and the Official Districting Map for parcels located at 2644 30th Street and 1331 Wilshire Boulevard.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

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Address your comments to: **Jing Yeo, Planning Manager**
Re: State Law Update Amendments

VIA E-MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about these amendments, please visit the Planning Commission webpage (March 19, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting Agenda) or February 19, 2025 PC Item 7C Resolution of Intention. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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Who should pay billions for climate disasters? California and others take aim at Big Oil — will the strategy work?

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OIL: A customer pumps gas into their truck at a Chevron gas station in Novato, on July 31, 2020.

Big Oil faces mounting lawsuits as extreme weather worsens, with California leading efforts to make fossil fuel giants pay billions of dollars for the climate damage they have long denied.

Across the country, states, cities, tribes and environmental groups have filed dozens of lawsuits against oil companies alleging that they misled the public about the dangers of their products. These cases share a core argument: Oil companies knew fossil fuels were driving climate change and lied about it.

California and other plaintiffs are recycling a legal strategy deployed during the 1990s, when states alleged that tobacco companies knew cigarettes cause cancer. Four large companies settled the cases by paying billions to fund states' anti-smoking campaigns and other efforts. The manufacturers also must make annual payments to the states as long as they sell cigarettes in the United States.

The settlement set a powerful precedent for using litigation to hold industries accountable for public harm caused by deceptive practices.

"All of these (climate) cases are fundamentally deception cases," said Benjamin Franta, a professor of climate law at University of Oxford and leader of its Climate Litigation Lab.

For decades, climate cases leaned on environmental laws and regulations rather than corporate accountability, Franta said. But with deception cases, "you can go directly after the private companies," he said, and "the damages could be enormous."

But while tobacco lawsuits proved corporations can be held accountable, legal experts say taking on Big Oil presents bigger hurdles.

Michael Gerrard, an environmental law expert at Columbia Law School, said the oil industry, unlike the tobacco industry, is actively supported by government policies, from subsidies to infrastructure investments, that promote oil consumption.

"There are a lot of lawsuits pending, but so far, not a single court in the world has held fossil fuel companies financially responsible for greenhouse gas emissions," Gerrard said. "It's highly uncertain whether these cases will ultimately succeed."

Oil companies say holding them accountable for climate change makes them responsible for an entire economy that depends on their products — a defense that has found traction in some state courts.

"It's not the oil and gas companies that are actually the direct polluters," Gerrard said. Liability may have to be assigned along a vast supply chain, from refiners to power plants — even consumers who buy the gasoline, plastics and other products produced from fossil fuels, he said.

Also, while the connection between climate change and fossil fuels has been clearly documented by scientists, the evidence is less definitive linking fossil fuels to specific extreme weather events such as droughts or wildfires. And climate-warming greenhouse gases are global in scope and emitted by a variety of fossil fuels and other sources, not just gasoline and other products manufactured by the oil industry.

In one closely watched climate case in Hawaii, 20 states, including Texas, Wyoming and Alaska, threw their weight behind the oil industry, which asked the U.S. Supreme Court to intervene. The court in January denied that request.

Still, climate liability efforts are gaining traction in some areas, especially in California, following January's devastating wildfires in Los Angeles.

State Sen. Scott Wiener, a Democrat from San Francisco, introduced a bill in January that would give homeowners and insurance companies new rights to sue oil companies for climate disasters. Sen. Caroline Menjivar, a Democrat from Van Nuys, reintroduced a version of a bill that failed last year, requiring companies to pay for the damage greenhouse gas emissions have caused in California since 1990.

A TEST CASE IN HONOLULU

Climate plaintiffs recently notched a win in January when the U.S. Supreme Court denied a request by the oil industry to intervene in the Hawaii lawsuit, allowing cases in state courts to move forward for now. The city and county of Honolulu filed suit in 2020 seeking unspecified damages from Sunoco LP, Exxon Mobil and other oil companies.

In its appeal to the Supreme Court, the oil industry, supported by 20 states, maintained that federal law precludes states' rights to seek damages from greenhouse gases, which are emitted worldwide. The states, led by Alabama, said Honolulu is violating their rights by "asserting the power to enact disastrous global energy policy via state tort law. Among their demands is that major energy companies stop 'promoting the sale and use' of their fuel products."

The Biden administration argued that the Supreme Court should let the Hawaii proceedings play out in state court.

"The oil companies would love to have this court decide right now that all of these cases should be thrown out. Well, they didn't get that," said Pat Parenteau, a law professor at

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Countywide

Los Angeles County Receives $8 Million in Wildfire Relief Grants

Los Angeles County has received $8 million in wildfire relief grants from FireAid to support residents, workers and small businesses affected by recent fires.

The funding includes $2.5 million for the LA County Household Relief Grant program for residents displaced by the Eaton and Palisades fires. Applications opened Feb. 26 and will close March 12. Eligible households can receive up to $18,000 based on size and composition.

FireAid provided an additional $2.5 million for the LA Region Worker Relief Fund, offering cash assistance of up to $2,000 for workers who lost employment or income due to the disaster.

A $2 million grant was awarded to the LA Region Small Business Relief Fund for businesses and nonprofits that experienced structural damage or revenue loss. Grants range from $2,000 to $25,000, depending on impact.

The deadline for Worker Relief and Small Business Relief Funds applications is 5 p.m. on March 2.

FireAid also contributed $1 million to the County Department of Arts & Culture's wildfire recovery resources.

"Los Angeles County is deeply grateful to FireAid and everyone who supported the January 30 benefit concert," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Board of Supervisors chair.

For additional information about FireAid or to donate directly to LA County funds, residents can visit the https://lacounty.gov/relief.

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Citywide

Postal Inspectors Warn Against Imposter Scams During Consumer Protection Week

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is warning consumers about imposter scams as part of National Consumer Protection Week, March 2-8.

Inspectors describe imposters as scammers who pose as friends, relatives, banks or government agencies to steal personal information and money from victims.

"There are many types of imposter scams," said Inspector in Charge Eric Shen of the Criminal Investigations Group. "But they all start with messages like, 'I'm in trouble,' 'I need,' 'You've won!' or 'I have a great offer for you!'"

> "There are many types of imposter scams"
>
> - Eric Shen

Shen recommends several protective measures: Take time when making financial decisions; verify communications from financial institutions by calling known numbers; confirm the identity of relatives claiming to need emergency assistance; be wary of online romantic partners requesting financial help; delete unsolicited texts claiming to be from the Postal Service; and register for the National Do Not Call Registry.

Victims of scams can report incidents online to the Inspection Service or call 877-876-2455.

For more information on spotting imposters, consumers can visit www.uspis.gov/ncpw-2025.

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Countywide

More Than 30 Southern California Museums Offer Free Admission Day

More than 30 Southern California museums and cultural institutions will offer free general admission on Sunday, March 16, as part of the annual Museums Free-for-All event.

The region-wide tradition includes organizations displaying art, cultural heritage, film and natural history.

"As Los Angeles and Southern California continue to recover after the devastating fires, we hope to offer a space of comfort and connection for people," said Alexa Nishimoto, SoCal Museums president and marketing associate at Japanese American National Museum.

The offer applies to general museum admission only and does not include specially ticketed exhibitions. Regular parking fees apply. Many organizations are offering Metro riders with TAP cards special discounts, and some museums will offer free admission on Saturday, March 15, instead.

Participating institutions include the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, The Broad, California African American Museum, Getty Center, GRAMMY Museum, Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Museum of Contemporary Art, among others.

Advance reservations are required or recommended at many locations. The 2025 Museums Free-For-All is sponsored by LAist, PBS SoCal and The SoCal Sound.

For more information and a full list of participating museums, visit socalmuseums.org.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Text of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Increase the Maximum Allowed Height of Fences, Walls, and Hedges in the Front Setbacks of R2, R3, and R4 Zoning Districts and to Address the Rules for Measuring the Heights of Fences, Walls, and Hedges Located on Top of Retaining Walls.

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider a Resolution recommending to the City Council that the City Council adopt an Ordinance amending the text of the Zoning Ordinance to increase the maximum allowable height of fences, walls, and hedges in the front setbacks of R2, R3, and R4 zoning districts and to address the rules for measuring the heights of fences, walls, and hedges located on top of retaining walls.

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Address your comments to: **Shira Moch, Associate Planner**
Re: Fence, Wall, Hedge Height Limits Text Amendment

VIA E-MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Shira Moch by e-mail at shira.moch@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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OIL

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the Vermont Law and Graduate School who specializes in climate policy. "So now it's a case-by-case battle until they can get one of these cases back to the Supreme Court — that's what their end game is."

After surviving multiple dismissal attempts, Honolulu's lawsuit is the furthest along of any state climate lawsuits. The case is entering full discovery, meaning oil companies could soon need to turn over documents and sit for depositions that could be illuminating about their role in climate change, said Corey Riday-White, a managing attorney at the Center for Climate Integrity, which supports efforts to challenge oil companies in court and sponsored Wiener's legislation.

If a jury delivers a big verdict in the Honolulu case, the pressure to settle will mount, experts say. But the case would almost certainly be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, where many justices are seen as favorable to corporate interests. President Donald Trump's Justice Department is likely to support oil companies.

One major hurdle for climate suit plaintiffs is the industry's push to move cases to federal courts, where judges have been more inclined than state courts to dismiss them, legal experts said. State courts also have dismissed some recent cases.

California has played a major role in the litigation. In 2023, California Attorney General Rob Bonta sued ExxonMobil, Shell, BP, ConocoPhillips, Chevron and the American Petroleum Institute, alleging that they misled the public about climate change. The suit, filed in San Francisco Superior Court, seeks unspecified damages, penalties and the establishment of an abatement fund to cover future costs.

Franta noted that California's case could be a game changer.

"California's case is among the most important," said Franta of the Climate Litigation Lab. "It's an enormous jurisdiction, and bringing a very muscular claim against many companies, and under different causes of action. And of course we know there's a lot of climate-related damages — economic damages and property damages — in California."

If successful, these cases could set a precedent similar to the tobacco cases, ultimately holding fossil fuel companies accountable.

The American Petroleum Institute did not respond to a request by CalMatters for comment, but in 2023 called California's lawsuit "meritless" and "politicized," adding that climate policy should be legislated in Congress and not decided in the courts.

Last year, a judge approved a request by Bonta to coordinate with multiple other California jurisdictions that had sued the oil industry on similar grounds.

EVIDENCE OF INDUSTRY DECEPTION

Plaintiffs argue that oil companies misled the public about climate change, and there's strong evidence they did. But proving those deceptions influenced consumer behavior — or that a better-informed public would have acted differently — is far from straightforward.

"Would they have stopped filling their tanks if a sign at the gas pump said, 'This fuel contributes to climate change?'" Gerrard asked.

Many experts mark the wave of climate litigation as beginning in 2017, when San Francisco, Oakland and other California municipalities sued major oil companies for deceptive practices, marking a shift from earlier, largely unsuccessful federal claims.

For years, plaintiffs filing climate cases relied on environmental laws and regulations . But now they are focusing on allegations of deception.

Internal documents reveal that by the 1960s, oil companies began predicting fossil fuels could drive catastrophic climate change. Yet, in later decades, as scientists increasingly came to the consensus that burning fossil fuels caused climate change, oil companies ran ads, filed reports and lobbied lawmakers to spread the opposite message — that climate change wasn't real or wasn't a big deal.

In the 1970s, Exxon had internal climate research predicting today's global warming with stunning accuracy. By the early 1980s, the industry knew what was happening, how severe it would be and that fossil fuels were the cause. A pivotal moment came in 2015 when investigative journalists exposed what the industry knew.

Tobacco industry suits focusing on deception also paved the way for lawsuits against other large industries, including opioid manufacturers, big banks after the housing crash and chemical companies for polluting water with "forever chemicals."

HEAT WAVES AND WILDFIRES

In the meantime, the science that links climate change to specific effects has evolved rapidly, now churning out real-time assessments of how much climate change has worsened a given disaster.

The science has changed from one of uncertainty to precise statements like a specific hurricane's "rainfall was made 40% worse by climate change," said Kristina Dahl, vice president for Science at Climate Central, which works on quantifying how much climate change is worsening extreme weather.

Because of the evolving science, some cases are also getting more specific. In Oregon's Multnomah County, a lawsuit against Exxon Mobil Corp. and other oil and gas companies zeroes in on the Pacific Northwest's devastating 2021 heat wave, attempting to link its deadly impact to climate change and seeking $1.55 billion in damages and a $50 billion abatement fund.

Connecting wildfires to fossil fuel companies is particularly difficult, since fires are often ignited by identifiable parties, such as utilities or arsonists, who can be held directly liable.

Former California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones has spent years trying to get the insurance industry to acknowledge the financial risks of climate change. But while insurers are quick to pull out of high-risk areas and raise rates, they've been far less willing to hold oil companies accountable for the disasters their emissions are fueling.

The insurance industry is facing an existential crisis, Jones said. Wildfires, hurricanes and even newly emerging threats like severe convective storms are making it harder to insure homes and businesses.

Insurance companies are still heavily invested in the industry driving it. According to Jones, U.S. insurers have over half a trillion dollars tied up in fossil fuels.

If oil companies are held financially responsible for disasters, Gerrard of Columbia Law School warned that equity firms or foreign companies with even less concern for climate issues could swoop in.

"If the companies go bankrupt, they'll be bought by firms that will be happy to drill," Gerrard said.

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BOARDING HOUSE

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brands will still be available, but online and this only affects stores across the US.

"We didn't really find out about all the mass closings nationwide until the end of January," Manager Jack Meznarich told the Daily Press. "No one really knew where the retail channel was going to go, because prior to that, Liberated Brands laid off a bunch of corporate employees, almost 400 and that's when the licenses were pulled from them.

"And everybody was like, retail is in a way better spot than, say, wholesale and back office, we already have people looking to pick up the retail channel. So we had high hopes, I guess. But yeah, like, a month later, we got a call, and they let us know and that's kind of where we're at."

ZJ Boarding House has held its all-important location at the corner of Main Street and Ocean Park Boulevard since 1988 when it was privately owned. Then in 2015 it was bought up by Billabong. However, due to difficulties negotiating a lease in 2020, it was closed for seven months or so before a new five-year lease agreement was signed and extensive renovations were completed.

The reopening was celebrated as a victory for the local surf and skate community, with co-founder Todd Roberts calling it "a silver lining at the end of such a challenging year."

Liberated Brands issued a statement on February 3, that said, "Liberated's 100-plus stores in the US will remain open and continue serving customers as the company begins its efforts to effectuate the closure of its US retail locations. Through the filing of customary motions with the Court, Liberated intends to uphold its commitments to customers,

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> - Jack Meznarich, Manager

employees, and partners, including continued payment of employee wages and benefits. The Chapter 11 process will be financed by JP Morgan."

Liberated Brands operates around 120 stores across the country and these brick-and-mortar stores have already begun liquidation sales, with prices being reduced even further week by week. All the staff at ZJ Boarding House will be laid off.

ZJ Boarding House is at 2619 Main St and is open Monday–Saturday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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WILDFIRE

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the Legislature last year, offers some flexibility on how to spend the money, Rachel Ehlers, a policy analyst with the Legislative Analyst's Office, said at the hearing.

But that flexibility leaves some questions for lawmakers, she said, flagging a proposal in the governor's budget plan to add an additional $9 million to a pilot program that gives homeowners financial assistance to make their homes more fire-resistant.

"Do you want the funding to go deep and have fewer structures that are protected, but have more of them covered? Or do you want it wide, where you're giving smaller grants that won't protect the whole structure, but maybe more properties get access to it? What regions of the state do you want to focus on?"

For the pilot program, established in 2019,the administration's approach was to target the most vulnerable communities, Berlant said.

Six counties currently are participating in it, based on factors including population health and age, as well as wildfire risk and other climate data. The state reports 17 homes have completed the fire-proofing process and another 23 are in progress. The additional money could expand the program to two more counties.

The selection process could be similar for one of the new programs proposed under the Prop. 4 funding: providing financial assistance to vulnerable Californians to create a five-foot zone around their home that could protect it from burning down.

"You talked about, how do we prioritize? We can't help everybody," said Berlant. "We can educate everybody, but those that are

> You talked about, how do we prioritize? We can't help everybody
>
> - Steve Bennett, Democratic Assemblymember

most vulnerable who can't physically do this work, who can't financially afford to do this work, this program will provide funding to assist them."

The administration noted that Newsom's budget proposal is a work in progress — one that was drafted prior to the Southern California wildfires.

"I recognize we have to do all the above and I recognize it is fiendishly difficult to try to figure out, "Do we do 10% here, etcetera there," Bennett said at the hearing. "In my mind, there has not been enough focus yet on (home) hardening and I think we're starting to recognize that."

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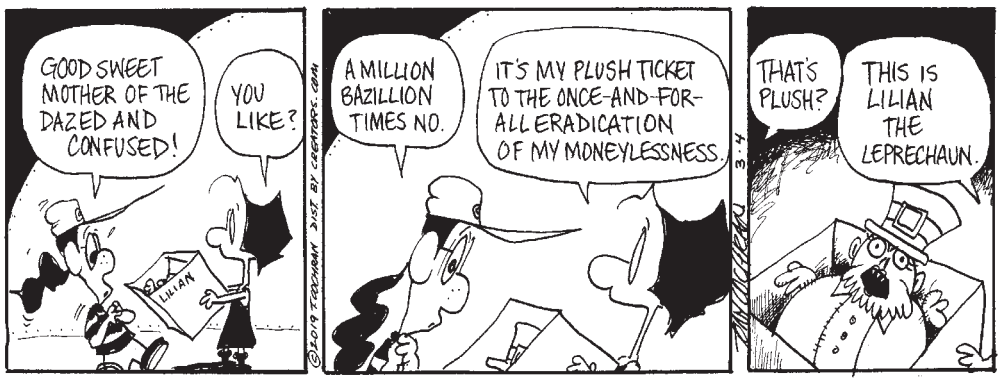
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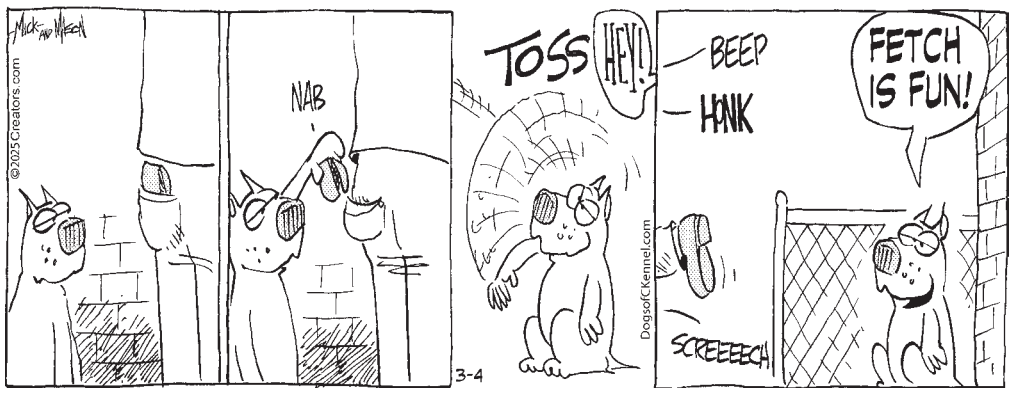
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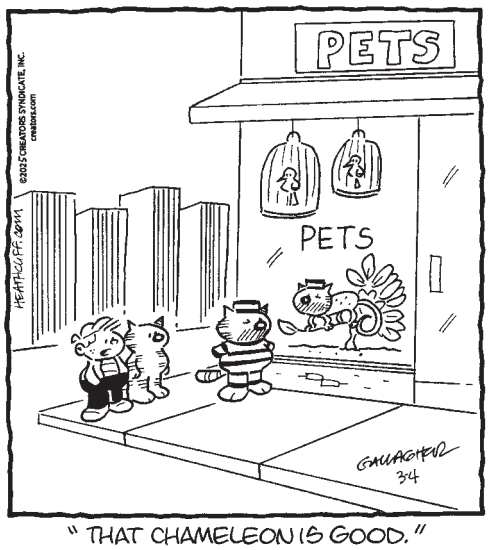
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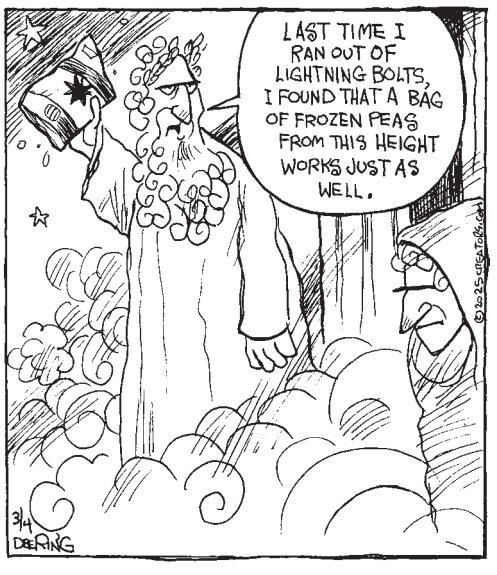
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Love requires sacrifices. You embrace them because you value partnership. While you won't always yield to another's needs, you take them into account, carefully balancing them with your own. True harmony isn't about surrender; it's about mutual respect.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Thinking endlessly about a problem won't fix it, and neither will ignoring it. Once again, action is the way. With a structured approach, solid organization and mindful record-keeping, you'll tackle challenges effectively.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your endless enthusiasm isn't just about enjoying yourself; it's about having a good time because you know it will energize those around you, turning ordinary moments into something special.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When progress feels slow, it's just because big things take longer to move. Think about a cruise ship pulling from the dock. Your direction is set, and even if the movement feels subtle, momentum is building beneath the surface - steady, powerful and unstoppable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're seeing yourself clearly today - recognizing your strengths, your growth and the deeper truths that drive you. It's a moment of self-awareness that gives you the courage to shed an old doubt and step into your potential.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Time turns old fixations into new feelings of relief. Thank goodness you didn't get what you wanted at the time; it wouldn't have been nearly as good for you as what ultimately happened.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have the right course of action, though you may not feel motivated about it quite yet. That's OK - passion kicks in eventually. And in the meantime, do it however you're feeling.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't have to invent the way forward from scratch. There's a trail, even if it's faint, and if you pay attention, you can find clues to help you navigate. Trust that others have walked this path before, leaving behind signs that will guide you when you're ready to see them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Just as the roots of a tree anchor it through storms, the struggles of youth have grounded you, preparing you for the larger challenges ahead. Each difficulty you've faced has nourished your strength, allowing you to grow with purpose and stability.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To ignore or reject reality might provide temporary relief but ultimately puts a person at a disadvantage, preventing the action needed for improvement. Things aren't ideal, but acceptance is the first step to improvement.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your social stars are on the rise. You can't be everywhere people want you to be, but it's nice to be invited. You needn't explain how you spend your time to anyone, but if you can't show up, simply say, "I have a conflict."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The universe will bring you happiness on a platter. The platter won't appear to be anything you ordered. The lesson here is: Order well, and then drop the expectation of what that will look like.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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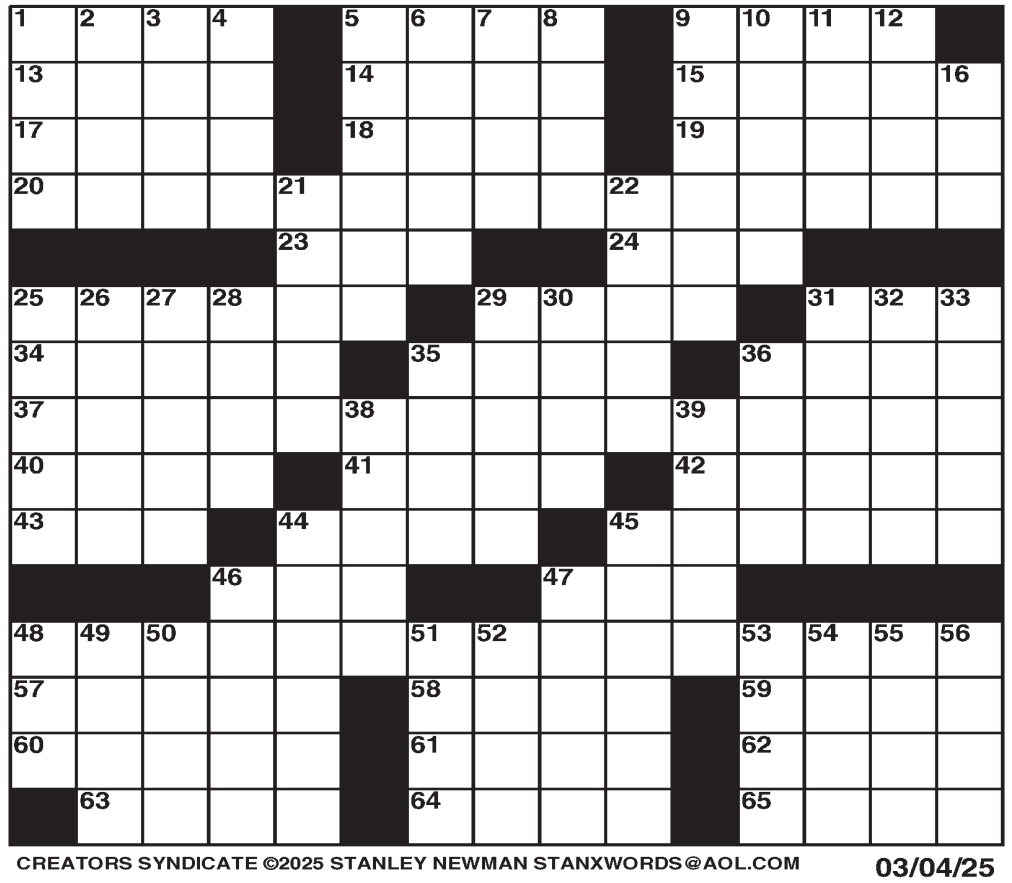
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ACROSS

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5 Country in the Andes
9 Assist in wrongdoing
13 100%, as gold
14 Strong smell
15 Lassos
17 Part of a molecule
18 Tops of jars
19 Banish
20 "The," grammatically
23 Donkey
24 "Wow, am __ a roll!"
25 Small, and prone to pranks
29 Just adequate
31 Wood-cutting tool
34 Mrs. George W. Bush
35 Kitchen drain's locale
36 Stand up
37 Unquestionably correct
40 Adolescent
41 Seagoing fighting force
42 Old-time anesthetic
43 Letters after kays
44 Lo-cal, on food packages
45 Elegant and excellent
46 Was introduced to
47 Uni- times three
48 Totally confident
57 Motorist's reversal
58 Largest continent
59 Corkscrew's shape
60 Sheriff's metallic ID
61 Allows
62 Rural hotels
63 Follow, as advice
64 Elm or oak
65 Portion of medicine

DOWN

1 Apple's tablet computer
2 "Sound off" remote button
3 College teacher nickname
4 "Half" prefix for circle
5 Shoe-shining liquid
6 Revises a manuscript
7 Went by bike or bus
8 __ Major (bear constellation)
9 Childish response to "Am not!"
10 Keep confined
11 Long heroic tale
12 Blab a secret
16 Meet with
21 Spoken with a twang
22 Not safe to do
25 Make very happy
26 Tag inside a blouse
27 Melts together, as metals
28 Clothes-pressing appliance
29 Kitchen strainer
30 Nothing more than
31 Sounds of regret
32 Barbecues' residues
33 Humble answer to "Good work, folks!"
35 Number in a spreadsheet
36 Tequila cocktail, for short
38 __ of measure (quart and ounce)
39 Ancient artifact
44 Tilted
45 Fabric fold
46 Combine, as companies
47 Overly spoken, as a phrase
48 Undersea vessel
49 State north of New Mexico
50 Impolite
51 Condiment in shakers
52 Software customer
53 Corrosive liquid
54 Prohibited thing
55 Storage containers
56 Otherwise



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MEDICAID

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funded by the federal government and states, meaning federal cuts would leave major budget gaps that would force reductions in services and enrollment, and also could trigger cuts to other state programs. California's budget includes $161 billion for Medi-Cal, of which more than half is paid for with federal funds.

Based on proposals that Republicans in Congress are considering, California could lose $10 billion to $20 billion a year, the California Budget Policy Center estimates.

A big question mark is how exactly Congress will meet its savings goal — Republican lawmakers have floated a number of proposals, but it's unclear yet what could stick.

They've proposed imposing work requirements, for example. The idea behind that is enrollment would drop as people who don't meet the requirements get kicked off the program. But the spending reductions from such a policy would not get Republicans all the way to their target, said Edwin Park, a research professor at the Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy.

A second proposal would require restructuring the program so that instead of the federal government paying states a fixed percentage of Medicaid costs, it could set a spending cap per enrollee.

Under the Affordable Care Act, California opened up its Medi-Cal roll to low-income adults who had previously not been covered. The federal government pays California 90% of the cost for this expansion group — that's up from the state's 50% regular match rate. Republicans may also choose to eliminate the increased match rate for adults covered under this expansion.

"One reason that these types of cuts are popular among federal policy makers is because…it really allows the blame to be placed on governors and state legislatures," Park said. "The federal government is cutting federal funding, making it harder for states to finance their share of the cost of Medicaid, but it's not actually saying 'You have to cut eligibility in this way or cut provider rates in this way.'"

"It's really, 'States, you figure it out, you have to balance your budget,'" Park added. "And you know, there's only three choices: higher taxes, cutting the rest of the budget, which is primarily education in California, and then, most likely, really dramatically cutting Medi-Cal in the state."

COVERAGE FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

President Trump and Republicans have promised to not touch seniors' Medicare, but millions of seniors also rely on Medicaid. In California, about 2.2 million seniors and people with disabilities are enrolled in Medi-Cal, according to data from the state's Department of Health Care Services.

Traditional Medicare does not cover services including dental, vision and hearing benefits. Seniors typically have to buy into a Medicare Advantage plan to get that covered. Low-income seniors in California can access those services with no or at a low-cost through Medi-Cal.

Nursing home stays and in-home care are also largely covered by Medicaid. Nationally, about 6 in 10 nursing home residents are covered by Medicaid, according to an analysis by KFF, a health polling and research organization.

"Medicare has huge gaps in coverage and Medicare is really expensive," said Amber Christ, managing director of health advocacy at Justice in Aging, which advocates on behalf of older adults. "It is Medicaid, not Medicare, that is the primary payer of long-term care in this country."

Because of their high needs, seniors and people with disabilities are the most costly population. In California, they make up about 15% of the people enrolled in Medi-Cal, but account for roughly half of all the program's spending.

"So if the state wants to go where the money is, that's seniors and people with disabilities. That's long-term care, nursing home care, community-based services," said Park. To protect the coverage of this population, he said, the state would have to consider potentially making larger cuts for other groups of people.

A SAFETY NET FOR CALIFORNIA KIDS

More than 5 million kids in California are insured through Medi-Cal and the accompanying Children's Health Insurance Program. It pays for their preventive care, such as immunizations and screenings, but it also covers support services, such as counseling and therapy. For about 160,000 children in the foster care system, it also pays for an array of social services.

Getting kids insured has long been a priority for California. When the state began expanding Medi-Cal to undocumented people in 2016, children were first in line.

Perhaps less known is that Medi-Cal is also a big player in services provided at schools. It helps fund services and equipment for students with disabilities, such as hearing aids and specialty transportation. It reimburses school districts for certain providers, including psychologists and social workers, for example. Across the state, some districts also provide physical and mental health care to children and their family through school-based health centers that also draw down on Medi-Cal funding.

"The rates of depression and anxiety among youth are rising at alarming rates, and for many, Medi-Cal services are their only option for care," said Michele Cantwell-Copher, the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, on a media call with advocates and parents on Thursday. "Ensuring that children have access to the mental health support they need is critical to their well-being and their success in schools."

Medi-Cal is a keystone program for many kids but also for their birthing parent — it pays for about 40% of the state's births. California offers coverage for pregnant people at slightly higher income levels than the regular cut-off, allowing more to qualify. It provides coverage during their pregnancy and 12 months postpartum, paying for standard obstetric visits, prescriptions, laboratory services, doula services and hospital care.

"If we want kids to have a healthy start, that means making sure that their birthing parent has access to health care," said Mike Odeh, health policy director at Children Now. "Those early years really are important for both babies and parents. There are a lot of services in that time period that really are critical, and any reduction in those services could have very bad effects."

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TUESDAY | MARCH 4

MEMORIES & MOVEMENT SENIOR CLUB

10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Patrio Room, Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Come learn and have fun with something new each week, like exercise, talking with friends, learning, guest presenters and health & wellness. For more information, call 310-458-8688.

TUESDAY TALES

10:30 - 11 a.m. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. This fun and engaging weekly series, featuring stories, songs and rhymes, travels to a different library location each week. Free tickets are available at 10:15 a.m. For ages 2-5.

SMARTY PANTS STORYTIME

11 a.m. Lloyd Taber-Marina del Rey Library, 4533 Admiralty Way, Marina Del Rey. Get ready for school by enjoying books, songs, rhymes and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun. For ages 2-5 with their parent or caregiver.

MEDICATION MANAGEMENT FOR SENIORS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Senior care advocates from Wise & Healthy Aging discuss medication safety tips, how to maintain independence, and reduce the risk of complications. Attendees will receive a free pill box upon completion, while supplies last.

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS DISCUSSION

4:30 - 7 p.m. MLK Jr. Auditorium, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica Public Library kicks off Women's History Month with a panel discussion of Women Entrepreneurs. Panelists include City of Santa Monica Mayor Lana Negrete (Santa Monica Music Center), Laurel Rosen (One from the Heart), Amanda Rubin (AJA Vineyards Tasting Room), Minal Mondkar (Aura Seating), Yolanda Regalado (Sirens Java & Tea), and moderator Starleen Van Buren (El Camino College Small Business Development Center). RSVP to library@santamonica.gov to attend.

PUBLIC SAFETY REFORM AND OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

6 - 9:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. On January 26, 2021, the City Council adopted an Ordinance to create a new Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission to promote, in partnership with the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), the best practices in community-oriented policing for the fair treatment, safety, and wellbeing of all.

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 5

PLANNING COMMISSION

6 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. Established in 1946, the Planning Commission envisions Santa Monica as a city of wellbeing, sustainability, and equity, and seeks to balance the many needs and priorities within our community in accordance with the City's General Plan and Specific Plans. The Commission acts through open and civil discourse that is informed by public input, impartial analysis, and best practices in land use and planning.

THURSDAY | MARCH 6

OAKWOOD ROOTS FARMERS AND WELLNESS MARKET

11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 685 Westminster Ave., Venice. Oakwood Roots Venice Farmers' and Wellness Market is a hub for local foods, wellness classes, and holistic healing. This is part of a larger effort to revitalize the abandoned parking lots across the street from the park into a community hub, in partnership with Community Corporation of Santa Monica and Hoopbus.

TECH & TASKS

2 - 4 p.m. Tutoring Center, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes, and more.

HOUSING COMMISSION

6:15 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Santa Monica Housing Commission is a city advisory body whose mission is to protect and improve the quality of life of all Santa Monicans by listening to input from city residents and staff, publicly deliberating, and providing recommendations to both the Santa Monica City Council and Santa Monica Housing Authority Board on issues related to housing in Santa Monica.

AN EVENING WITH IONE SKYE

8 - 9:15 p.m. The Ann and Jerry Moss Theater, 3131 Olympic Blvd. Actress and painter Ione Skye, known for her roles in "Say Anything" and more, discusses her memoir "Say Everything." Ticket plus signed copy of the book $50. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-ione-skye-tickets-1242367307059.

FRIDAY | MARCH 7

VASTHY AND FRIENDS

4 - 5 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St. An interactive family musical for kids 4-10. Free tickets, free goody bags for the kids. For more information, visit santamonicaplahyouse.com.

SHABBAT DINNER AT THE BEACH

5:30 p.m. Shul on the Beach, 505 Ocean Front Walk. Watch the sunset over the ocean and embrace the warmth of Shabbat. Join Shabbat Across America and the Shul on the Beach Community along with fellow Jewish professionals, for a joyous evening filled with delicious food, fine wine, uplifting conversation, heartfelt singing, and inspiring Torah insights. Tickets $39-$44, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shabbat-dinner-at-the-beach-with-shabbat-across-america-tickets-1254160370429?aff=oddtdtcreator.

SATURDAY | MARCH 8

BARE ROOT FRUIT TREE WORKSHOP

9 - 11 a.m. Main Street Community Garden, 2318 Main St. Join this workshop about how to grow Bare Root Fruit Trees and to celebrate Women's History Month. Daniela Roveda, UC Master Gardener and co-leader for the Master Gardeners' Orchard Team, will focus on planting, regular care, pruning and other tips to grow Bare Root Fruit Trees. The program includes Bare Root Tree giveaways, those interested can visit: https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4wdh5wvsn1e8p444m83ttjqjmb/202503080900.

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